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Whitmire finds success where he started

By Jennie Swinarski
REPORTER

Bowling Green alumnus Doug Whitmire has never strayed far from home, so it is no surprise the Bowling Green native has found success within a few miles of his alma mater.

Whitmire, who graduated in 2001, works at Toledo's 13 Action News. He has worked there for three years, including six

months while he was still attending college.

"I didn't always think that I would stay close to home, but it kind of fell into place for the best," Whitmire said.

He did not always think that he would end up finding future success in Bowling Green.

Whitmire said the courses and professors at the University prepared him well for work in

the broadcast field. He said Catherine Cassara was a significant influence as well as Jim Foust and Kelly Taylor for teaching him the basics of writing.

"He is not afraid to work," Cassara said. "He understands that news is a business that requires that you work your way up, and he always does high quality work."

While in college, Whitmire

started as an unpaid intern at WFOB in Bowling Green and Fostoria. This led to a paying job, doing on-air news and playing music. He worked there for two and a half years before joining BG 24 and then getting a part-time job at 13 Action News.

"I was in BG 24, and it was a huge help in getting me ready for the real world. You can only learn so much in class in this

business. You also have to do it to learn it," Whitmire said.

Whitmire currently lives in Bowling Green with his wife and travels to Toledo daily for his job as a producer at Channel 13. His task is to put together the 5 and 5:30 p.m. newscasts, which include selection, stories, writing new stories and requesting graphics. During the actual show, he is in the control room

making sure the news is presented cleanly and stays on schedule.

Whitmire has had much success over the past few years and said much of his fortune comes from knowing the right people at the right time.

"As for my success ... it's only as good as your last newscast, which is one thing I love about the business."

Lambda Chis resume drive

By Allison Halco
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The local Lambda Chi Alpha chapter, along with 200 other chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada, participated in the fraternity's North American Food Drive on Saturday.

Fraternity members traveled around their respective communities, collecting food and monetary donations from local residents.

Including Saturday's event, over 60,000 pounds of food were raised by the local chapter this year.

"It's definitely one of the best ones [food drives] we've had," Matt La Riccia, external vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, said.

The national total will not be calculated for a few weeks. The national goal for the food drive was 3 million pounds, more than has ever been raised before.

"Last year, fraternity members across the country and Canada raised just over 2.9 million pounds of food," Eric Richards, director of chapter services, said.

Area residents traditionally have had a positive response to the event.

"People are generous with what they give," La Riccia said. "They are pretty receptive [to the event]."

Local businesses also helped the fraternity in their collection. Domino's Pizza, for example, donated bags in which fraternity members put flyers and distributed in the community last month. Residents put their donations in the bags and left them outside for fraternity members to collect on Saturday.

All proceeds from the local chapter benefited the Bowling Green Food Christian Pantry, reflecting some of the ideas upon which the fraternity was founded.

"The big thing we're based on is Christian ideals, like giving back to the community," La Riccia said.

"Lambda Chi Alpha members vow in our membership oaths to lift a hand and contribute to world in which we live," Richards said. "The North American Food Drive is just one example of our words in action."

Since its first annual food drive in 1992, Lambda Chi Alpha has raised over 13 million pounds of food for less fortunate people across North America.



Stew Milne AP Photo

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER Hannah Garrison, 5, from Norwich, Conn., helps prepare holiday care packages for Rhode Island National Guardsmen serving overseas.

Stockings for soldiers Families prepare holiday packages

By James Hannah
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILMINGTON, Ohio — Sandy Boyette stitches together colorful, floral-print Christmas stockings, a jumbled pile slowly growing on her dining room table.

Red and blue stars will be added and the 160 stockings filled with sunglasses, compact discs, shampoo and candy

before they're shipped to her 24-year-old son's Army reserve unit in Iraq.

Crossword puzzles, news about the Boston Red Sox in the baseball playoffs, lemonade mix, disposable cameras and other treats are being gathered around the country for soldier care packages that relatives and friends say are especially critical this holiday season.

"Right now, morale is down over there," Boyette said over the clickety-click of her sewing machine. "A lot of them have had bad news that they're going to have to stay longer."

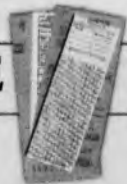
With two sons in the military, Sheryl Sheaffer, of suburban Seattle, is shipping the scent of home.

"We're collecting cedar boughs so when the guys open

Attention Veterans!
If you have served in the military, please let us know! We are working on a series of articles leading up to Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.
Contact Kara Hull, Editor-in-Chief, at: 372-6868/khull@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

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ABSENTEE VOTING



Few absentees are college students

By Kara Hull
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Out of the 1,600 requests for absentee ballots the Wood County Board of Elections received this year, students away at college weren't the main contributors to this number.

But according to Terry Burton, Deputy Director of the Board, this is the norm for elections—especially in non-presidential or gubernatorial races. The Board sent out more than 3,000 absentee ballots for last year's election and almost 6,000 for the Presidential election in 2000.

"We have a lot of students that we send out to ... but it's not the majority [of requests]," he said. "Young people haven't yet been voting long enough to start doing it on a regular basis. They also

"When you're not living in the county you reside in, you're somewhat removed from the local issues."

JOSH KONTAK, USG PRESIDENT

may not feel confident enough to vote because they're not familiar with the issues going on at home."

Being removed from the action is probably one of the strongest factors that keeps student voters from requesting absentee ballots, said Josh Kontak, USG president.

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Webcasting puts WBGU online

By Allison Halco
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Now listeners all over the world can tune in to BGSU. The University's FM radio station WBGU has begun to broadcast over the Internet as a result of a recent agreement between the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System and the Recording Industry Association of America/SoundExchange.

The agreement came following controversy over the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. This legislation required that stations broadcasting over the Internet pay licensing fees to record companies — fees that many college stations could not afford. These stations were therefore forced to cease web-

casting, losing the majority of their non-local listeners.

"Webcasting was huge for us," Kyle Gebhart, promotions director for WBGU, said.

WBGU utilized webcasting in previous years, but recently stopped due to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

However, the Small Webcaster Settlement Act was enacted in 2002, drastically lowering the licensing fees for non-commercial Internet broadcasters. The act was strongly supported by Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc., an organization that represents students involved in the media and issues of concern to these students.



Samantha Anderson BG News

HARD AT WORK: Andrew Balcerzak, left, and Hans Miller, work on WBGU's new webcasting system on the first floor of West Hall.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 76°
Low: 47°

WEDNESDAY



Showers

High: 57°
Low: 31°

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 44°
Low: 28°

FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 45°
Low: 30°

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Locals re-enact War of the Worlds

By Adam Heffelfinger
REPORTER

On the night of Oct. 30, 1938, cities emptied and people panicked as news bulletins went out describing the terrifying events of an invasion of Earth by Martians. Sixty-five years later, an identical broadcast was sent across our area, originating from the Cla-Zel Theater downtown.

On Thursday, the Black Swamp Radio Players performed a word-for-word re-enactment of Orson Welles' *The War of the Worlds*. The Players performed in front of a sizable crowd at the Cla-Zel, and the entire event was broadcast live on WBGU-FM.

The *War of the Worlds* began as a broadcast of music after a short disclaimer by writer/director Orson Welles. This disclaimer, missed by many listeners, was the only explanation of the true nature of the broadcast given until its conclusion. After a few moments of the music of Ramón Raquello and his orchestra, however, the broadcast was interrupted by a news bulletin announcing the detection of several explosions on the surface of Mars.

There were a few more attempts to continue broadcasting live music, but each was interrupted by another breaking news bulletin. Eventually regular programming was abandoned, as it became more and more apparent that Martian attackers were invading the Earth.

As the Martians' enormous, cylindrical spaceships sprouted legs and began wreaking havoc across New Jersey, broadcasts continued to come in documenting the various failed attempts at stopping the invaders. The broadcast grew ever more dark as the alien heat rays and poison gas were described.

The fear and panic induced by *The War of the Worlds* was not, however, confined to just a few living rooms.

"In the original broadcast in 1938, what caused a panic is that a large portion of the audience was listening to a comedy show, and when it wasn't entertaining, they dialed into another frequency ... after Orson Welles' disclaimer that this was a play pro-

duction and not an actual news broadcast," said Melissa Spirek, an associate professor in journalism. This led to widespread panic as thousands of refugees fled New York and New Jersey.

In the aftermath of Welles' broadcast, many changes were made in the way the federal government looked at broadcasting's influence on the public.

"The Federal Radio Commission, which later became the FCC, used this as part of the rationale that the federal government should monitor and regulate radio and television broadcasts," Spirek said.

Thursday's broadcast by the Black Swamp Radio Players, however, was met with a much

more positive response. Freshman Michael Clink, who attended the live presentation at the Cla-Zel, enjoyed the experience.

"I thought it was a nice piece of nostalgic theater. I liked the fact that they stuck to the original. That they didn't try to jazz it up, but they kept it simple like it was back then," Clink said.

According to group member Kent McClary, after two previous radio-styled presentations, a friend of the Players suggested a total re-enactment of a radio program, and the obvious first choice was *The War of the Worlds*. After being able to obtain the script royalty free, and only three rehearsals, the Players were ready for their presentation for

the broadcast's 65th anniversary. In December, the Players will present two original shows back to back. The performances, in honor of Ohio's Bicentennial, are about the ghosts of Ohio's eight presidents and about the ghosts of those presidents' wives. The Players hope to do more radio shows in the future.

Shortly after the broadcast, Player Lane Hakel expressed his excitement at the success of the performance, and also his concern for those who may have tuned in late.

"I hope there isn't a lot of traffic leaving town right now," Hakel said.

Affordability was key for WBGU to acquire webcasting enrollment

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"Congress finally realized that we're not a threat to anybody," Warren Kozireski, CBI chair, said of the act.

The settlement called for stations at schools with less than 10,000 students to be charged \$250 per year and stations at schools with an enrollment over 10,000 to pay \$500. The relatively reasonable costs gave college stations the opportunity to webcast once again.

The affordability of webcasting played a large role in the decision of the University of Toledo's WXUT to broadcast on the Internet, at www.wxut.com.

"It finally helped us start webcasting without spending thousands of dollars," Hass said.

Because of the decrease in audience size resulting from discontinuing webcasts, WBGU prepared to take action to use Internet broadcasting again as soon as possible.

"Last year we watched really closely what was happening," Gebhart said. "We formed a committee to get webcasting back

up."

Even though the station has a relatively restricted budget, a yearly fee of \$500 to webcast is definitely worth the price, Gebhart said.

Since broadcasting over the Internet again at www.wbgufm.com, WBGU has seen an increase in listeners.

"Already we've noticed we picked up people from outside of the normal listening range," Gebhart said. He said one DJ recently received a request phone call from Australia.

The radio station at the University of Toledo also took advantage of the opportunity webcasting presents. Internet broadcasting is especially important to the station because its on-air broadcasts are limited to the time between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., a restriction imposed on the station due to its sharing a frequency with a high school. Being able to broadcast online between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. is "a huge opportunity for us to get broadcast time," according to Dustin Hass, station manager for WXUT.

Like WBGU, WXUT has seen an increase in its audience size since the implementation of webcasting last spring.

"We have listeners from all over the world," Hass said. He said the station's listeners span at least as far as China.

Although webcasting continues to gain popularity, the risk of legislation further restricting Internet broadcasting continues to threaten college radio stations, as the Small Webcaster Agreement Act expires in December 2004.

However, Kozireski believes that further restrictions will not be instilled.

"Common sense should prevail," he said. "Enough noise would be made that the idea [of such restrictions] would be squelched pretty fast."

Most college stations recognize that there is uncertainty in the future of webcasting. For now, though, they are taking advantage of the opportunity to share their music with people all over the world, while they still can.

Families hope to prepare nearly 1,000 packages

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them up over there they will get the cedar smell that is very Pacific Northwest," she said. "It is one of those things that will trigger memories."

She hopes to prepare about 1,000 packages for overseas that also will include more conventional fare, such as major league baseball caps she said were left on her doorstep. Her two sons serve in Texas and Afghanistan.

Military wives, mothers and organizations are working toward a Nov. 13 mailing deadline the Postal Service recommends to ensure parcel-post packages reach Iraq before Dec. 25.

"We've got to let these guys know that we realize and remember and know they're still over there," said Sheaffer, who founded Operation Support Our Troops in January. "They're tired, they worked very hard, and then

to be told they have to stay even longer ..."

In September, the Pentagon announced that 20,000 reservists may be kept in Iraq for up to a year. Lt. Commander Dan Hetlage, a Pentagon spokesman, said some reservists had expected their year's deployment to include the several months they spent training before going to Iraq. They later learned they would have to spend a full year in Iraq.

Kontak: students away from home still need to cast vote

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"When you're not living in the county you reside in, you're somewhat removed from the local issues," he said. "You're just isolated from the passion that surrounds these issues."

Even so, their vote still counts, Kontak said.

"I think it's important for absentee voters to continue to vote no matter where they are,"

he said.

Sophomore Billy Mercer, a Wood County resident, agrees and said the claim that "one vote doesn't matter" isn't acceptable.

"A lot of times, one vote matters and they could be that one vote," he said.

But for freshman Jason Mellen, the cause for student voter apathy, especially in requesting absentee ballots, lies

in teaching at home and in school.

"Most students haven't been taught how important it is to vote," he said. "They try to teach it in high school, but it doesn't work."

According to Kontak, many students choose not to vote because they feel that politicians don't care about student-related issues.

"I think a lot of students are apathetic to voting because we're not seen as a group that's catered to by politicians," he said. "I'm not sure who's responsible for our demise. Is it because they don't cater to us that we don't vote, or we don't vote because they don't cater to us?"

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MANATEE MOVED FROM CINCINNATI TO FLORIDA

CINCINNATI (AP) — Douglas the manatee, who has lived at the Cincinnati Zoo for the past four years, has arrived at his temporary home on the way back to the ocean.

The 9-year-old animal was flown to Florida on Saturday so he can eventually be returned to the wild. For the next three months, the 900-pound manatee will stay at the Miami Seaquarium where he will learn some of the skills he needs to survive.

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CAMPUS

Fewer foreigners attend U.S. schools

By Steve Giegerich
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new study says the number of foreign students attending U.S. colleges increased by less than 1 percent in 2002-03 — the lowest growth rate in seven years. It's just the latest piece of evidence that international students are shying away from the United States because of tough immigration rules.

The Institute of International Education said tightened visa procedures enacted after the 2001 terrorist attacks, which have delayed the entry of many foreigners into the United States, contributed to the low growth rate.

The IIE said in its annual "Open Doors" report, to be

released Monday, that foreign enrollment increased by only 0.6 percent last year. In each of the two previous academic years, foreign enrollment had increased by 6.4 percent.

"It's not just the policies themselves, but the understanding and perception of the policies that have really affected the numbers," said Peggy Blumenthal, the IIE's vice president of educational services.

"The word of mouth is out in certain countries about the difficulty getting a visa. And the perception is having as much of an impact as the delays."

Foreign students started experiencing delays entering the country in the wake of the terrorist attacks on Washington in New

York, as the federal government responded to calls for tighter domestic security. One of the Sept. 11 hijackers held a student visa.

U.S. schools want foreign students both for the revenue they bring in — the IIE said international students spend up to \$12 billion annually between tuition and other expenses — and their contributions to academic research.

A continuing decline in foreign student enrollment "may damage our ability to attract the best and the brightest," said Alice Gast, vice president of research and associate provost at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In a separate online survey,

the IIE said 46 percent of U.S. colleges reported declines in foreign enrollment in the current school year. There were 586,323 international students studying in the United States last year, said the IIE, which promotes closer educational relations between the United States and other nations.

The IIE's findings are similar to those that the Association of International Educators, known as NAFSA, expects to reveal when it releases a survey of 2003-04 foreign student attendance later this week, said Victor Johnson, NAFSA's associate executive director.

NAFSA conducted its report in conjunction with the Association of American

Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Johnson said that, unlike previous slowdowns in foreign enrollment, this one was triggered by a change in U.S. policy and not economic declines or political unrest.

He predicted that foreign enrollment may decline even more if Congress or the State Department fails to relax visa restrictions on students coming to America. Foreign students will "give up trying and go somewhere else," Johnson said.

Educators here and abroad say it appears overseas schools are benefiting from the U.S. crackdown.

For instance, the number of

Chinese students enrolling in British institutions rose by over 36 percent this year, according to the United Kingdom's Universities and College Administration Services. Enrollment of students from India in British colleges increased by 16 percent.

Students from Asia, the Middle East and Africa experienced the greatest delays obtaining U.S. visas last year. Once foreign students have settled in the United States, they are required by new homeland security measures to report changes in address, academic majors and other matters that might impact their visa status.

OU Halloween results in arrests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ohio — Rioting parties at an annual Halloween bash started fights, lit couches on fire and threw bottles at officers in what police called "the worst event to date."

City and campus police arrested or ticketed nearly 100 people overnight Saturday and responded to nearly 20 fights and at least five fires, authorities said.

A man's leg was slashed so badly in one fight that it might require amputation, police said. A rape on Ohio University property was also reported and officers in investigated several thefts.

"This event was far and away the worst event to date," Chief Rick Mayer said in a prepared statement. "It stretched and broke the ability of the department to respond to the needs of the public."

The man stabbed was one of two men attacked when they tried to stop another man from assaulting a woman, police said. The second man coming to the woman's aid was stabbed repeatedly in the chest, and remained in stable condition yesterday

with a collapsed lung, police said. An officer was assaulted when he arrived at the fight; he was treated at a hospital and released.

Police said they caught two suspects in the stabbing later in Nelsonville. No names or other details were released.

About 5 a.m., a crowd set five bonfires using couches and other materials, turned over a car and threw bottles at firefighters and police in riot gear.

Unusually warm weather brought a larger crowd than previous years, police said. No crowd estimate was available.

There were 66 arrests Saturday and early yesterday morning, following 15 arrests Friday, police said.

Four university students were among the 30 arrested or ticketed by campus police, spokesman Jack Jeffery said. If any students were involved in the fires or assaults handled by the city force, the university would review the cases for possible discipline, he said.

Last year, 96 people were arrested over Halloween weekend, authorities said.

"We deeply regret that comments made by on-air personalities were misinterpreted."

JOHN HOGAN, CEO OF CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS

Bicyclists angry with radio DJs

By Connie Mabin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Bicyclists are demanding that the nation's largest radio group be punished because disc jockeys at three stations made on-air comments they say encouraged drivers to throw bottles at bike riders or hit them with open car doors.

They say the morning show hosts at Clear Channel Communications stations in Cleveland, Houston and Raleigh, N.C., also suggested motorists blast horns at cyclists, and speed past them and slam on their brakes in front of them.

"DJs encouraging the masses to hurt people in any form is insipid, and should not go unpunished," said Edwin D. Reeves, 30, a cyclist and ceramic engineer in St. Louis.

Clear Channel, based in San Antonio, owns roughly 1,200 radio stations in the United States.

The company won't release transcripts or tapes of the broadcasts, but the three stations apologized on the air and Clear Channel donated \$10,000 and air time to promote bicycle safety.

"We deeply regret that com-

ments made by on-air personalities were misinterpreted. Clear Channel does not condone violence in any form and we are committed to working with the cycling community to improve cycling safety," chief executive John Hogan said in a statement.

Clear Channel, which said it was coincidental that similar comments came from three stations, said it told the stations to refer questions to corporate headquarters. It wouldn't say if the disc jockeys were disciplined.

The comments started June 30 on WMJI in Cleveland when one of the morning show personalities complained that a group of bicyclists had held him up in traffic near his home.

"The other guys started chiming in," said listener Don Barnett, service manager at Century Cycles in Medina. "Then it escalated. People started calling in."

Similar remarks came weeks later on WDCG-FM in Raleigh and KLOL-FM in Houston.

Lois Cowan, 42, who owns the Century Cycles shops in the Cleveland area, filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission asking it to fine the company or



Tony Dejak AP photo

SHARING THE ROAD: A mini-van drives past a sign warning drivers to share the roadway with bicyclists in Solon, Ohio. Many cyclists are furious over comments made last month on stations owned by Clear Channel Communications in Cleveland, Houston and Raleigh.

take away the licenses of the three stations.

"They shouldn't be advocating things that kill people," Cowan

said. She says she's received more than 5,000 e-mails from cyclists about the issue.

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OPINION

Partial-birth abortion law in process

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When the U.S. Senate recently voted to prohibit so-called partial-birth abortions, the vote was overwhelming. Seventeen Democrats joined 47 Republicans to vote in favor of the legislation. Those Senate Democrats voting in favor included otherwise generally reliable abortion rights supporters such as Joseph Biden, Patrick Leahy, Blanche Lincoln and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

That says something about the

politics of this chapter in the hottest of hot-button American issues. But it says more about the widespread public revulsion over the gruesome procedure. The method often used in later-term abortions generally involves removing the fetus from the uterus until only the head remains inside. The skull is then punctured, suctioned and collapsed.

The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 saying that the law was vaguely worded and failed to allow a nec-

essary exemption to protect the health of the mother on a Nebraska law three years ago.

While the Senate bill took into account the high court ruling, it failed to provide even a narrow exception to protect the health of the mother.

Anti-abortion forces argue that such an exemption would provide a huge loophole that would render the law meaningless.

But language suggested by Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois

would have answered such concerns. Durbin's amendment would have permitted late-term abortions only when a doctor certified that continuing the pregnancy would threaten the mother's life.

The Senate brushed aside that compromise and pushed ahead with the bill that now goes to President Bush's desk and will be challenged "before the ink is dry on the president's signature," abortion rights advocates have vowed.

Yes, the Senate did add a long section of "congressional findings" based on testimony and research that supporters said they hoped would convince the high court that it was mistaken when it insisted on a health exemption.

While the outcome of any court battle is impossible to predict, it's hard to believe that Senate proponents really thought they would change the thinking of the Supreme Court with their "findings." More likely,

the proponents of a partial-birth abortion ban are counting on one or more retirements to change the makeup of the court, and the outcome of the appeal, before a new law reaches it.

It's a pity that members of Congress weren't willing to support a partial-birth abortion ban that included a narrowly drawn exception to protect the health of women. The nation would have had a common-sense prohibition on an abortion procedure that should not be allowed.

Rock Paper Scissors makes a great sport for the non-athletic



MATT SUSSMAN

Humor Columnist

Once upon a time, a mild-mannered humor columnist went back to his roots and played an old-fashioned Nintendo game. He chose the 1987 classic "Ultima: Exodus," which is similar to Pokémon except that it has no Pokémon. In this game, as in most role-playing games, there is a casino located in some towns. However, the casino in this game consisted of nothing more than a game of Rock Paper Scissors. Apparently the creators of this game did not have the programming know-how to create a more realistic casino in which middle-aged businessmen lose their year's salary at the blackjack table, and then wake up next to the cocktail waitress.

Seriously, the casino was just a game of Rock Paper Scissors. I had to laugh at this, but I might be the only one who finds this funny — which might explain some of my previous articles' unpopularity.

The rock-paper-scissors relationship has to be one of the most perplexing love triangles of all eternity. Think about it: each inanimate object will completely dominate one other item, but will always be massacred by the other member of this seemingly boring triumvirate. Let us take a closer look into the three rules of the game.

Scissors cuts paper. sometimes this is true, but what if someone is left-handed and they

can't handle the scissors? Then the shears simply don't work, and the paper should win. Alas, scissors always cuts paper.

Rock smashes scissors. Well, how big is this rock? What if the rock pulls a Japanese World War II pilot and crumbles when it lands on the scissors? Then both the rock and scissors are obliterated. Instead, rock always smashes scissors.

Paper suffocates rock. Are you kidding me? First of all, a plastic bag will suffocate anything better than paper would. Second, a rock doesn't breathe. That ugly spirit rock we have on campus has been smothered for years by paint, and we haven't heard a peep out of it asking us for air. In fact, rock should be able to act as a paperweight and hold the paper in its place. Still, paper always suffocates rock.

Apart from these three grievous errors, the game itself is one of the most flawless around. Referees should use this system for football games, because sometimes the referee thinks the captain said "heads," but he actually said "tails." (Steelers fans know what I mean.) The game is often used to settle disputes between small children, because most of them are too young to operate firearms.

Of course, like all games, those without any athletic talent play it professionally. When I first heard this, I was again the only one to laugh over this. I thought we already had a sport for the out of shape, and it was called curling.

In case you missed it, the Rock Paper Scissors International Championships was held in

Toronto last weekend. It was on ESPN8. Rock Paper Scissors, or RPS (as the experts like to call it) is not a game of chance, but rather one similar to chess in strategy. "To the beginner the moves are few, but to the master, the moves are many," it says on the World RPS Society's Web page (<http://www.worldrps.com/>).

For those of you who are philosophy majors, here is a rare job opportunity for you: deconstructing the rock, the paper and the scissors. In fact, professional player Jason Simmons, a.k.a. Master Roshombollah (seriously), is working on a book about RPS strategy. My guess is he will delve into the balance struck between the three entities, which constructs a more stable trinity than the one Paris Hilton creates when she can't decide whether to sleep with a celebrity or professional athlete, so she does both.

To me, playing RPS professionally requires three traits: cunning, sportsmanship, and never dating girls (not by choice). Since intramural football season is over, I figured I would take up RPS, and hopefully turn pro. I carefully studied the opening moves (gambits) listed on the World RPS Web site. I then meditated for two hours and achieved nirvana. After discovering the meaning of life, the cure for cancer and the Holy Grail, I went back and played "Ultima: Exodus." I put all my money on scissors.

Then, like a typical college student, I got smashed. Lucky computer.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If the University could add one thing to campus what would you like it to be?



ERON SMITH-WILLIAMS

"UAO to sponsor a Christian music concert."

JEN REPASKY
FRESHMAN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

"The Galley back or a convenience store in Harshman."

MATT PERKINS
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS

"Skywalks all around campus."

ANTHONY HUESTON
FRESHMAN, JOURNALISM

"A Taco Bell on campus."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The death penalty does have a purpose

Mr. Weaver, I must say that for your sophomore attempt at an opinion column, I expected more than just an opinion. I figured that you'd learn to get to know your facts, that you'd research your topic thoroughly. I was deeply disappointed by "D-ath penalty has no justified purpose."

You wrote that it amazes you that the "number one nation in the world" supports the death penalty. Do you not realize what the rest of the world does to its criminals? Brazil or the Middle East stand out as strong examples in my head. Conviction "Beyond a reasonable doubt" is much more than many get.

I would agree with anyone that the right to life is extremely important. You must understand, however, that every American is given rights until they infringe upon the rights of others. Our government stands up for its people and does its best to protect us from murder and murderers.

You say that sentencing someone to death costs "thousands, if not millions" of dollars resulting in the injection costing "up to \$86." I ask you, what is the alternative to capital punishment? Life in prison? Do you not think that life in prison is not only expensive in itself, but will not also be appealed in the courts just as much? Perhaps you might have read that recently, one prison even decided to cut meals to two a day to save money.

I am not saying that it makes sense to kill all our criminals off to save space or food, but that

any other alternative is silly or dangerous. No prison is completely safe. Prisoners find ways to escape all the time, sometimes just by walking out. Just this past week, two criminals hid behind a false wall in an ice house. Citizens must be made safe from their most dangerous peers.

Even if capital punishment does not lower states' murder rates, what other option even has a chance of deterring crime? Do you think that we should let the convicted go free? You did not present any alternative, actually. Perhaps you should have looked into how Gov. Ryan of Illinois tried to compensate for capital punishment. An NPR interview with one of his top staff members, who personally stood against capital punishment, even said that his boss's actions were silly. It undermined the entire system by freeing all those on death row as opposed to doing something to fix the courts, case by case.

If America does not want to see another person put to death, then stop killing. Capital punishment is not supposed to be nice.

Although made to be humane, it is not. The chemicals used are now rumored to produce an unexplainable amount of pain masked by the inability to express it due to the relaxing of muscles. The death penalty is strong beyond words, and it is exactly what it should be.

I am personally glad that a few people don't like it, even if it is because they do not fully understand, because it only proves that capital punishment is an effective deterrent and punishment for crime.

TIM CIEPLOWSKI
STUDENT

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MAN SAVES KITTENS FROZEN ON RAILROAD TRACKS

Pat O'Rourke was inspecting the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe main line near Butte Friday when he saw three kittens frozen to the tracks. O'Rourke and a game warden used the age-old trick of a little hot water to free three mountain lion kittens stuck to a railroad track.

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DESTRUCTION: Several houses were destroyed by a wildfire in Cedar Glen, Calif. are shown Thursday, October 30. Wildfires, burning in a broken arc across Southern California from Ventura County east to the San Bernardino Mountains and south to eastern San Diego County, destroyed more than 2,600 homes.

Calif. residents return to rubble

By Ken Ritter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A second wave of residents displaced by Southern California's wildfires returned home yesterday as a weekend of cooler, calmer weather helped firefighters begin to get the upper hand.

As the threat began to diminish, authorities also sent home some of the thousands of firefighters who have been battling blazes scattered from San Diego County to the suburbs of Los

Angeles.

Some evacuees got the go-ahead Saturday to check on their homes. Among them were JoDee Ewing and her husband, Steve, who found little standing of their 1920s-era house but the stone chimney, the foundation and — for some inexplicable reason — their rose bushes.

"I still have roses blooming," said Ewing, 40. "But there's no toilets. They disintegrated."

The fire that started Oct. 25 just up the road from the

Ewings' place, in Upper Waterman Canyon on the edge of the San Bernardino National Forest, consumed 91,285 acres. In the last week, that blaze and a half-dozen others across Southern California have burned about 750,000 acres, destroyed nearly 3,400 homes and killed 20 people.

In San Bernardino County, some firefighters were beginning to head to home, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Bob

Narus, although he couldn't say exactly how many. In San Diego County, firefighters were expected to begin leaving after spending a few hours resting on yesterday morning, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Barb Daskoski.

Though fog, lower temperatures and even snow slowed the spreading flames, more than 12,000 firefighters were still on the lines early yesterday.

Alleged killer to plead guilty

By Gene Johnson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — This week, a slight man with thick glasses, a man who has been married three times and is the father of one child, is to stand before a judge who will ask him at least 48 times how he pleads to separate charges of murder.

Each time, Gary Leon Ridgway will respond "guilty," sources involved with the case have told The Associated Press. When it's over Wednesday, he will have more murders on his record than any other serial killer in the nation's history. And a mystery that confounded detectives for two decades will come to a close.

Ridgway, 54, a longtime painter at Kenworth Truck Co., is expected to admit being the Green River Killer, named for the river south of Seattle where the first victims were found.

The plea would spare him the death penalty in King County, instead assuring him life in prison without parole, the sources said. However, two of the bodies on the official list of Green River victims were found in Oregon, which has capital punishment, and it is still unclear whether Ridgway will plead to those.

The remains of scores of women, mainly runaways and prostitutes, turned up near ravines, rivers, airports and freeways in the 1980s. Of them, investigators officially listed 49 women as probable victims of the Green River Killer.

Ridgway had been a suspect from 1984, when Marie Malvar's boyfriend reported that he last saw her getting into a pickup identified as Ridgway's.

But Ridgway told police he didn't know Malvar, and a police investigator in Des Moines, midway between Seattle and Tacoma, who knew him cleared him as a

suspect. Later that year, Ridgway contacted the King County Sheriff's Green River task force — ostensibly to offer information about the case — and passed a polygraph test.

Detectives continued to suspect him, however, and in 1987 they searched his house and took a saliva sample. It was 13 years before DNA technology caught up to their suspicions and they could link that sample to DNA taken from the bodies of three of the earliest victims.

Ridgway was arrested Nov. 30, 2001, and later pleaded innocent to seven killings. But facing DNA evidence and the prospect of the death penalty, he began cooperating and trading information for his life.

He confessed to 42 of the 49 listed killings, as well as six not on the list, the sources have said. He directed authorities to four sets of previously undiscovered remains.

It turned out that the killings continued long after detectives thought the Green River Killer had stopped, the sources said. The last victim on the official list disappeared in 1984, but one of the cases Ridgway is expected to plead to involves a woman killed in 1990, and another involves a woman killed in 1998.

That has stunned some criminologists.

"Once they're identified as a suspect, they usually stop," said Jack Levin, director of the Brudnick Center on Violence at Northeastern University in Boston. "Ridgway is really a rare specimen, even among his peers, in being able to avoid apprehension for such a long time."

Ridgway's pleas to 48 counts would give him more convictions — though not necessarily more slayings — than any other serial killer in the nation's history, Levin said.

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German public protest Schroeder's plans

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WORLD

Chopper shot down in Iraq

By Tini Tran
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter with dozens of American troops on board yesterday, killing 15 and wounding 21 in the deadliest strike against U.S. forces since the war began — a sign of the increasing sophistication of Iraq's elusive anti-U.S. fighters.

The giant helicopter was ferrying the soldiers on their way for leave outside Iraq when, witnesses told The Associated Press, two missiles streaked into the sky, fired from a date palm grove, and slammed into the rear of the aircraft. It crashed in flames in farmers' fields west of Baghdad.

It was the deadliest day for U.S. troops since March 23 — the first week of the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein — and a major escalation in the campaign to drive the U.S.-led coalition out of the country.

Three other Americans were killed in separate attacks yesterday, including one 1st Armored Division soldier in Baghdad and two U.S. civilians working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fallujah. All three were victims of roadside bombs, the military said.

"It's clearly a tragic day for America," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in Washington. "In a long, hard war, we're going to have tragic days. But they're necessary. They're part of a war that's difficult and complicated."

Like past attacks on U.S. forces

and a string of suicide bombings that killed dozens in Baghdad this past week, U.S. coalition officials blamed either Saddam loyalists or foreign fighters for the strike outside Fallujah, a center of Sunni Muslim resistance to the U.S. occupation.

L. Paul Bremer, the head of the occupation in Iraq, repeated demands that Syria and Iran prevent fighters from crossing their borders into Iraq. "They could do a much better job of helping us seal that border and keeping terrorist out of Iraq," he told CNN.

The "enemies of freedom" in Iraq "are using more sophisticated techniques to attack our forces," he said.

U.S. officials have been warning of the danger of shoulder-fired missiles, thousands of which are now scattered from Saddam's arsenals, and such missiles are believed to have downed two U.S. copters since May 1. Those two crashes — of smaller helicopters — left only one American wounded.

The loaded-down Chinook was a dramatic new target. The insurgents have been steadily advancing in their weaponry, first using homemade roadside bombs, then rocket-fired grenades in ambushes on American patrols, and vehicles stuffed with explosives and detonated by suicide attackers.

In the fields south of Fallujah, some villagers proudly showed off blackened pieces of the Chinook's wreckage to arriving reporters.

Though a few villagers tried to help, many celebrated word of the helicopter downing, as well as a fresh attack on U.S. soldiers in Fallujah itself. Two American civilians working under contract for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were killed and one was injured in the explosion of a roadside bomb, the military said.

"This was a new lesson from the resistance, a lesson to the greedy aggressors," one Fallujah resident, who wouldn't give his name, said of the helicopter downing. "They'll never be safe until they get out of our country," he said of the Americans.

The downed copter was one of two Chinooks flying out in formation from an air base in Habbaniyah, about 10 miles from the crash site, carrying troops to Baghdad on route for rest and recreation — R&R.

The missiles seemed to have been fired from a palm grove about 500 yards away, Thaeer Ali, 21, said. At least one hit the Chinook, which came down in a field in the farming village of Hasai, a few miles south of Fallujah, witnesses said.

The missiles flashed toward the helicopter from the rear, as usual with heat-seeking ground-fired missiles. The most common model in the former Iraqi army inventory was the Russian-made SA-7, also known as Strelas.

Hours later, thick smoke rose from the blackened, smoldering hulk as U.S. soldiers swarmed over the crash site, evacuating the injured, retrieving evidence and



Anja Niedringhaus AP photo

SURVEYING: A U.S. Army helicopter flies near the area after a U.S. Chinook helicopter believed to be carrying dozens of soldiers to leaves abroad was struck by a missile and crashed west of Baghdad, near Fallujah yesterday, killing 15 soldiers and wounding more than 20 others.

cordoning off the area.

Yassin Mohamed said he heard the explosion and ran out of his house, a half-mile away. "I saw the helicopter burning. I ran toward it because I wanted to help put out the fire, but couldn't get near because of American sol-

diers."

The U.S. military would not confirm that the aircraft was struck by a missile, but a spokesman, Col. William Darley, said witnesses reported seeing "missile trails."

In Baghdad, Darley said the

CH-47 helicopter belonged to the 12th Aviation Brigade, a Germany-based unit that supports the 82nd Airborne Division Task Force operating west of Baghdad.

U.S. criticism of Yukos case blasted

By Jim Heintz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russia's foreign

minister criticized the United States on yesterday for expressing concern about actions against

the oil giant Yukos, but President Vladimir Putin's new chief of staff said he doubted the wisdom of freezing a large chunk of the company's shares.

Last week, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the Bush administration regarded the arrest and jailing of Yukos head Mikhail Khodorkovsky, and the freezing of 44 percent of the company's shares, as raising "serious questions about the rule of law in Russia."

Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, speaking on state television, reacted angrily.

"The United States is trying to place the actions of the judicial organs of Russia in doubt. This is

interference in the judicial affairs of another state that is not acceptable, and should not be, in the normal terms of democratic society," Ivanov said.

He noted that several massive financial scandals have hit the United States and he accused Washington of employing a "double standard" because "the State Department did not express its anxiety about any of those noisy scandals, did not interfere in the judicial process."

"To teach other people — that's the fashion in Washington," Ivanov said.

The remark reflected the Kremlin's long-standing irritation with what it regards as official American arrogance, although it

has largely held back on such criticism as Russian-U.S. relations have become closer since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Russian officials have said the moves against Russia's biggest oil producer, which began in July when a top Yukos shareholder was arrested, are strictly a matter of investigating and prosecuting crimes. Khodorkovsky is charged with fraud, forgery and tax evasion.

But many analysts and politicians say the moves appear to be a vendetta against Khodorkovsky for his support of opposition parties.

The moves against Khodorkovsky triggered a sharp fall in Russia's stock market — the

benchmark RTS index dropped about 20 percent last week — and analysts worried the actions could endanger the country's recovery from the 1998 financial crisis.

"Consequences of actions that have not been carefully thought-out will immediately affect the economy and stir up political affairs," Putin's chief of staff Dmitry Medvedev said on state television. "A question arises as to how legally efficient the sequestration of the Yukos shares really is."

Medvedev was appointed chief of staff late Thursday after Putin released Alexander Voloshin, who reportedly submitted his resignation after Khodorkovsky's arrest.

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Men's soccer

Friday-Sunday
The MAC tournament kicks Friday, with BG taking on Northern Illinois in the opening round.

Volleyball

Friday, Saturday
Denise Van De Walle's squad takes on Miami and Ball State at Anderson Arena.

Swimming

Friday, Saturday
The Falcon women's team takes on Toledo and Eastern Michigan on the road.

Women's soccer

Tomorrow
Bowling Green takes on Eastern Michigan in the opening round of the MAC tournament.

Hockey

Friday
Niagara invades the Ice Arena.

Basketball

Tonight, Wednesday
Women (tonight) and men (Wednesday) host free exhibitions.

MARSHALL: THE HERD WINS OVER AKRON, KEEPING PACE IN THE MAC EAST'S DIVISION. PAGE 8



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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BG up to 15th in AP poll

The Falcons are ranked the highest in school's history, eclipsing last year's 16th spot.

By Josh Dubow
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oklahoma was the unanimous pick for the top spot in The Associated Press college football poll yesterday and Miami's record streak of top five votes ended after 55 weeks.

The Sooners (9-0) received all 65 first-place votes in balloting by the panel of sports writers and broadcasters to extend their

season-long run at the top of the poll. Oklahoma beat rival Oklahoma State 52-9 Saturday.

Miami fell from second to sixth after its 39-game regular season winning streak was snapped with a 31-7 loss at Virginia Tech. The Hurricanes had been in the top five since Oct. 8, 2000, the longest streak since the poll began in 1936.

The previous record of 48 was held by Oklahoma (1953-57) and Ohio State (1973-76).

There was plenty of movement within the poll after a day when six of the top 14 teams lost — all to ranked opponents. But the 25 teams in the poll remained the same.

Southern California moved up to No. 2 — its highest ranking since Nov. 21, 1988 — after beating Washington State 43-16.

Florida State jumped two spots to No. 3 and LSU improved three places to fourth, its highest ranking since Sept. 21, 1987.

Virginia Tech, which went from third to 10th after a 28-7 loss last week to West Virginia, moved back up to No. 5 following its first victory ever in 34 games against teams ranked No. 8 or higher.

Following the Hurricanes, were Ohio State, Michigan,

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NO. 1: Oklahoma's Brandon Jones, right, jumps into the arms of teammate J.D. Runnels after scoring a touchdown in the Sooners' 52-9 win over arch-rival Oklahoma State.



Samantha Anderson BG News

LOOKING: Bowling Green's Taylor Christie looks for action in a recent game at the BGSU Ice Arena. Christie and his Falcon teammates beat Miami 4-1 Friday and tied the RedHawks Saturday night.

Icers' offense comes alive in win, tie against RedHawks

By Kevin Shields
SPORTS REPORTER

The Falcon hockey team had a big weekend against the Miami RedHawks, who came in tied for the CCHA lead. BG got a 4-1 win and a 4-4 tie, which moved them into a tie for sixth place in the league standings and showed

how much they have improved from last season.

"Bowling Green is obviously much improved this year and that's not surprising with Scott [Paluch] at the helm," Miami head coach Enrico Blasi said. "Their second effort along with their work ethic is very good this

year and they threw everything at us this weekend."

On Halloween night, the Falcons came out in their orange and black uniforms ready to play from the start.

The two teams went scoreless in the first period, but BG ended the period with nine shots on

goal compared to only five for the RedHawks. Miami goaltender Brandon Crawford-West had to come up with some big stops as the Falcons generated some good opportunities

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Falcons nearly pull upset over Buckeyes

By Zach Baker
SPORTS EDITOR

Twenty-five seconds. That's how close the women's soccer team came to pulling off a major upset over Ohio State on Friday, a team that is ranked as high as 16th in the national polls.

Bowling Green had rallied from a 1-0 deficit to take a 2-1 lead on the first goal of the season by Leah Eggleton.

But with just 25 seconds remaining in regulation, BG lost the lead.

The Buckeyes put extra pressure on BG by moving up their goalie into the Falcons' side of the field. This allowed OSU to keep the ball near the goal, and the move proved successful when Colleen Hoban scored to tie the score at two.

In the second overtime, OSU clinched the victory on another goal by Hoban, ending the Falcons' regular season with a 3-2 loss.

It was perhaps fitting the regular season ended with an overtime game. Friday's game was the sixth time that BG has gone to overtime this season.

With the win, Ohio State moved to 12-3-3 on the season in overall play. BG moved to 7-11-2, and will now get ready for tomorrow's playoff game at Eastern Michigan.

Falcon coach Andy Richards said that while he was disappointed in the final result, he said he was pleased with the way BG played.

"This is one of those losses that you can take a great amount of pride in," Richards said. "We hate losing, nobody likes losing, but there's some that just feel better than others."

Richards had been saying for several weeks that BG has been playing good soccer, but have not necessarily had the breaks go their way. With the playoffs beginning tomorrow, Richards said it's important that his team has been playing well.

"After qualifying for the tournament, all this other stuff doesn't matter," Richards said. "It's about how you're playing, and I feel this team is playing very

WOMEN'S SOCCER, PAGE 8

Women 8th, men 12th at MAC meet

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS REPORTER

The cross country team finished their biggest race of the season Saturday at the Mid-American Conference championship meet in Akron, Ohio. The race was run much like their other races this season in that the Falcons had a variety of results.

The women's team moved up a spot from last year's championship meet and finished eighth. The men, on the other hand, had a problem getting going en route to a 12th place finish.

The women were led by their team captain Amber Culp. Culp had no problem dominating most of the pack on her way to a fifth place finish overall. She finished the race with a time of 17:42.8.

"Amber ran a great race," coach Cami Wells said. "She looked strong and focused the entire race. She wanted to be All-MAC first team and she went out and made it happen."

CROSS COUNTRY, PAGE 2

Men's soccer loses, ties this weekend

By Chris Willig
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's soccer team finished off their regular season this weekend with two non-conference games. The Falcons lost to the Spartans of Michigan State on Friday and tied Detroit-Mercy yesterday.

Friday's game had the Falcons on the road for the last time of the season. They managed to shut out the Spartans for the entire first half and the beginning of the second half. However, the Spartans managed to find the net halfway through the second half.

The goal scored by Mike Zaegel was quickly followed up

by another Spartan goal, and within a five-minute span, the Spartans were on top of the Falcons by a score of 2-0. The deficit proved to be too much for the Falcons to overcome and they were unable to comeback. The Falcons were outshot 16-13 by the Spartans and Dave DeGraff had six saves.

Following the road loss to the Spartans, the Falcons headed home to host Detroit-Mercy. The game, which was the last regular season game for the Falcons, was also senior day for the Falcons.

The Falcons once again found themselves down early on in the game. The Falcons gave up a

first-half goal; the breakaway goal by Detroit-Mercy was scored off a Falcon turnover had the Falcons down one goal.

Going into half-time, the Falcons found themselves down 1-0. Detroit-Mercy nearly took a two-goal lead off the opening kickoff in the second half, but the shot was saved by David DeGraff. DeGraff ended up with six saves in his final regular season game as a Falcon.

DeGraff kept the Falcons in the game defensively, yet senior day was highlighted offensively by freshman Sean McGarity. McGarity scored his first career goal, off assists from Eric Duda and Omari Aldridge, with 36

minutes remaining in the second half.

The Falcons were outshot 18-19 and the game was shared equally for both teams offensively.

"The seniors did a great job today," coach Mel Mahler said. "Dave DeGraff came up big, he does every game. Eric Duda also did a real good job in the mid-field today."

"The season was disappointing and frustrating at times and encouraging at others," Mahler said. "Basically you can break the season into thirds. Thirty-three percent of the time frustrating, disappointing and encouraging."

Marshall still in hunt in East

Toledo, Northern Illinois keep pace in West

By Anita Chang
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marshall has been to all six Mid-American championship games, winning all but one. Now, they're on the hunt for another berth.

The Thundering Herd is one step closer after Saturday's 42-24 win over Akron. They would advance to the title game with wins in their final three games, against divisional foes Miami, Central Florida and Ohio.

"We've all got a fire under our [backsides] now, and we're ready to roll," receiver Jason Schroeder said. "We're energized and we're going to carry it all the way through the MAC championship and bowl game and win all of them."

Marshall (6-3, 4-1 Mid-American) now trails Miami in the East Division conference standings. Miami (7-1, 4-0) was idle Saturday; the RedHawks play

No. 17 Bowling Green on Tuesday. The Falcons (7-1, 4-0) are alone atop the MAC West.

Earl Charles scored three touchdowns and added 121 yards rushing for Marshall. Butchie Wallace had 147 yards and a 36-yard touchdown, as two Thundering Herd players ran for 100 yards apiece for the first time in five years.

"I didn't sleep all week because I was worried about them being able to knock us off the ball," Akron coach Lee Owens said. "They're so much bigger than we are, and they took advantage of it."

The Thundering Herd had 573 yards of offense to Akron's 391, and put the Zips (5-5, 3-3) out of reach with 21 second-quarter points.

Elsewhere around the MAC, Michael Turner had three touchdowns and rushed for 126 yards and Josh Haldi ran for two scores

as No. 21 Northern Illinois beat Ball State 48-23; Bruce Gradkowski threw six touchdown passes, three to Lance Moore, to lead Toledo to a 56-29 win over Buffalo; and Jerry Seymour ran for a career-high 207 yards on 36 carries with 3 touchdowns to lead Central Michigan to a 38-10 win over Eastern Michigan.

Northern Illinois forced five Ball State (4-5, 3-2) turnovers, including three in a 27-point second quarter. Turner ran for an 18-yard touchdown and caught a 31-yard TD pass.

Turner entered the game as the nation's third leading rusher. He topped 100 yards for the 18th time in his career and had 104 yards rushing by halftime. He also had 52 yards receiving.

The win came a week after Northern Illinois (8-1, 4-1) dropped its first game of the season, a loss to Bowling Green that dimmed their bowl hopes and a

shot at the MAC title.

The Huskies' defense followed that performance with one of their best, picking off two of Talmadge Hill's passes and forcing two fumbles.

Toledo's Gradkowski finished the game against Buffalo 23-of-25 for 435 yards and no interceptions. He also rushed 40 yards for the Rockets.

"He is getting better with each passing week," Toledo coach Tom Amstutz said. "He is continuing in his maturing process as a young sophomore quarterback. He runs our offense at a high level and he is getting a lot of help from his supporting cast."

The Rockets (6-3, 4-1) had a 685-395 edge on offense.

Jared Patterson scored both touchdowns for Buffalo (1-9, 1-5) in the first half, on runs of 6 and 7 yards. Dallas Pelz kicked five field goals for the Bulls.



Bob Bird AP Photo

BIG WIN: Marshall's Butchie Wallace runs through a hole in the Akron defense Saturday. The Herd beat Akron, keeping their MAC East title hopes alive.

PROVING GROUND

Ohio State's backup shined once again in the absence of starter Craig Krenzel.

By Dan Lewerenz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Scott McMullen came to Ohio State with dreams of playing in the big games and throwing the winning touchdown pass in a place like Beaver Stadium.

On Saturday, McMullen's dream came true.

The seventh-ranked Buckeyes (8-1, 4-1 Big Ten) trailed 17-7 when starter Craig Krenzel left the game after a hard hit from Penn State linebacker Deryck Toles late in the second quarter. But McMullen completed 12 of 17 passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Buckeyes back for a 21-20 victory on Saturday.

"I'm kind of at loss for words," McMullen said. "To come into a place like Happy Valley, and this being a dogfight to the very end like that, and to pull it out — this feels great."

The Ohio State offense didn't skip a beat with McMullen in the game. They continued to mix the run and pass, with Lydell Ross gaining 110 yards on 24 carries, his second-consecutive 100-yard game.

On the Buckeyes final drive, McMullen found four receivers in throwing 7-for-7 for 54 yards, including the 5-yard pass to Michael Jenkins in the corner of the end zone that gave Ohio State the win.

"They both go hard, and Scott's going to find the open man just like Craig does," Jenkins said. "I think he did a good job of

that tonight."

He also did a good job running the ball, gaining 19 yards on three carries in that final drive, which included a mix of designed draws and frantic scrambles.

"I think the ABC person, on the way back out to the field, asked what we would have to limit with Scott, and (I said) 'Nothing.' Scott knows everything we're doing," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "Scott took us to two wins earlier in the year."

"We don't really change anything we do when he's in the game. He knows who to read and he knows when he looks out there what's good matchups and who's blitzing and if he's going to have a chance to hold the ball a little bit longer — are they bringing too many for us to handle or are they not. Scott knows everything that Craig does."

What's more, McMullen did it in the style to which the Buckeyes have grown accustomed — eking out a win only after a driving Ohio State fans to nail-biting distraction.

His first touchdown pass, a 4-yarder, also to Jenkins, came on the first possession of the second half and brought the Buckeyes within 17-14. After that, Ohio State managed just one first down on its next three possessions, while Penn State (2-7, 0-5) extended its lead to 20-14 on David Kimball's 48-yard field goal.

But with the game on the line, McMullen marched his team down the field for the win.

"I was in there looking around the huddle, and a lot of guys were confident. We were really sure we were going to come



Chris Gardner AP Photo

CLUTCH PERFORMER: Ohio State backup quarterback Scott McMullen, seen here looking for a receiver orchestrated a miracle comeback as Ohio State beat Penn State in Happy Valley, 21-20, Saturday afternoon.

down and pull this one out," McMullen said. "I think a lot of guys were relaxed there at the end."

Tressel wouldn't describe Krenzel's injury, and said he didn't know when his starter would

be able to return.

"We'll let that be tomorrow's drama," Tressel said.

And after the game, McMullen gave credit where it was due: It was Krenzel's call to throw the fade-jump to Jenkins in the cor-

ner, McMullen said.

"I've been watching Craig all last year leading the team back to victory, and I just took some pointers from him," McMullen said. "I just wanted to do it myself."

BG NEWS BRIEFING

White team downs Orange in BG men's hoops scrimmage

John Reimold led all scorers in the Bowling Green men's basketball team's annual Hoops 'N' Halloween scrimmage, held Saturday at Anderson Arena.

Reimold scored 20 points, while Kevin Netter had 18, and freshman Austin Montgomery and Ron Lewis 16 apiece.

The Falcons are preparing for Wednesday night's opening exhibition game against the Howard Pulley All-Stars.

Women's team holds free scrimmage tonight

Curt Miller and his Bowling Green women's basketball team will hold a scrimmage tonight at Anderson Arena. The scrimmage, slated for 7 p.m., is free to the public.

It will be the team's only exhibition of the season.

Women take on Eastern tomorrow

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well."

Despite BG and the Buckeyes combining for five goals on Friday, the game began looking like it was going to be a defensive struggle. For the first 75:54, neither team was able to put a ball in the net.

But from that point on, the game changed drastically.

Miami broke the scoreless deadlock on a goal by Paige Harrison.

But OSU didn't enjoy the lead for very long. Only 32 seconds, in fact.

That's when Samantha Meister connected with her ninth goal of the season. Meister's goal tied her with Kristy Coppes for the team lead.

Eggleton's goal then followed just over three minutes later, and BG had the lead, which it would hold until inside the final minute.

Richards said he hoped that the game would have a carryover effect in tomorrow's game.

"The trick now is to get back up and see if you can play at that standard," Richards said. "If we play that way against Eastern Michigan, then we'll give ourselves a wonderful opportunity to go to the semi-finals."

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Both Sigalets factor into positive weekend

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throughout the period.

In the second period, the Falcons put up three goals and started to take control of the game.

Forward Brett Pilkington got the first goal of the game just 2:18 into the period, as his high shot went over Crawford-West's left shoulder to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead. Mark Wires and Rich Meloche got assists on the goal. Then, just six minutes later, defenseman Brian Escobedo netted the eventual game-winning goal on the power-play from Kevin Bieksa and D'Arcy McConvey to give BG a 2-0 lead. Pilkington would get his second goal of the night with just 2:07 left in the period on the power-play from Jonathan Sigalet and Mike Falk to give BG a commanding 3-0 lead. Miami would answer back less than a minute later as Derek Edwardson got his stick on a pass in front of the net that beat

Jordan Sigalet making it 3-1.

"The goal they got ... a guy was driving down the wing then threw to the net where the guy [Edwardson] was able to get a stick on it and get it over my pad," Sigalet said.

The shot total and play was once again dominated by the Falcons in the final period, as they out-shot Miami in every period of the game and held their power-play that ranked second in the nation in check.

Pilkington had a chance at a hat-trick, but had a near miss on a power-play when the goalie was out of position. Then the final tally came when Steve Brudzewski added an empty-netter in the final 2 minutes of the game to give BG a 4-1 CCHA victory.

Sigalet and the defensemen in front of him held Miami to 0-6 on the power-play, with the RedHawks only being able to create six shots on the man-advantage. While BG countered with a 2-5 night on the power-

play.

"I thought it was a very solid game played by our team," head coach Scott Paluch said. "Offensively and defensively we had a solid game doing a lot of things necessary to win the game over a very good Miami team."

"When they scored the goal late in the second, it was a real critical moment in the game for us mentally and I was happy with the way we responded to that by having good shifts to begin the third," Paluch said.

It was a wild game on Saturday night to wrap-up the weekend series as Miami came out and dominated the first half of the game putting up a 4-0 lead just 45 seconds into the second period. The Falcons worked their way back and got a goal in the final minute of the game to send the game to overtime tied at 4-4.

In the first period, Miami was out-hustling and out working the Falcons all over the ice. Matt Christie got a short-handed goal off a turnover in front of the net

to give the RedHawks a 1-0 lead 7:09 into the game. Andy Greene added another Miami goal at 13:46 to make it 2-0 and less than a minute later Edwardson had a breakaway on a 4-on-4 situation and put it past Sigalet on a second effort to make it 3-0 Miami. The period ended with the RedHawks out-shooting BG 12-8. Just 45 seconds into the second, Edwardson created Miami's second short-handed goal and his second of the night off another turnover to make it 4-0 RedHawks.

The Falcons finally got on the board as Wires beat Steve Hartley on the power-play with assists from Pilkington and Falk to make it 4-1 at 8:41. Then Wires added his second goal of the night at 12:33 with a shot behind the net that went off the back of Hartley's leg to make it 4-2. Alex Rogosheske and Bieksa got credit for the assists on the goal. The period ended with Miami having a 7-6 advantage in shots, but the Falcons were climbing back into

the game.

The final period began with the Falcons killing off a five minute major penalty from a spearing call at the end of the second. The third period was very evenly played, but at 9:28 into the period, Meloche got a goal after BG was creating pressure to make it 4-3 with McConvey and Brudzewski assisting. Sigalet and Hartley were both making big saves throughout the period, but in the last minute of the game while on a power-play, Sigalet was pulled and the 6-on-4 advantage allowed Meloche to even it up at 4-4 with just 45 seconds left. Meloche scored his second goal of the night with assists going to Sigalet and Bieksa on the tying goal then talked about the play afterwards.

"We had the power-play and they were forcing up top and Sigalet faked a shot then threw over to me then I tried to get a good one-timer off ... I think it fooled their goalie and it went in,

Meloche said."

In the overtime session, both Sigalet and Hartley made big saves as both teams got good opportunities, but the game ended in a 4-4 tie.

"It was certainly a game you got to catch your breath when it's over," Paluch said. "We got a good spark in the second period with the goal and were able to get things rolling from there. I'm extremely proud of the way our team hung in there and it's a huge point for us tonight."

Meloche commented on how the coaches kept the team motivated during the comeback.

"Our coaches on the bench stayed positive throughout and that just showed how much confidence they had in us, which in turn made us keep fighting," Meloche said.

"Anytime you're up 4-0 and give up a lead like that it's tough, but we played tough and they did what they needed to get back in the game."

Bowling Green in at 15th in AP poll

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Georgia and Iowa. Georgia had been No. 4 before losing 16-13 to Florida.

The USA Today/ESPN coaches poll had the same top five teams as the AP.

Oklahoma received the maximum 1,625 points, beating out USC, which had 1,557.

TCU, the only other undefeated team in major college football, moved up two spots to 13th.

Texas leads off the second 10, followed by Washington State, TCU, Michigan State, Bowling Green, Purdue, Florida, Tennessee, Nebraska and Mississippi.

Oklahoma State, Missouri, Northern Illinois, Minnesota and

Pittsburgh round out the poll.

Four teams joined Miami and Georgia by dropping at least four spots in the poll. Washington State dropped six places after its loss to USC; Michigan State went from ninth to 14th after a 27-20 loss to Michigan; Nebraska fell seven spots to 19th after a 31-7 loss to Texas; and Oklahoma State also fell seven spots to 21st after its loss at Oklahoma.

Florida made the biggest jump, moving up six spots.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with six teams in the poll, followed by five apiece for the Big 12 and SEC. The Big East has three, the Pac-10 and Mid-American have two each. Florida State is the only ACC team in the poll.

"I was pleased with Bridget Dalic's race. She was the third freshman overall in the field and ran a strong race from start to finish."

CAMI WELLS, CROSS COUNTRY COACH

Dalic, Pollack do well in first MAC meet

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Culp was followed by two promising first-year runners Bridget Dalic (18:40.8) and Andrea Pollack (18:49.3). The two finished 33rd and 40th, respectively.

"I was pleased with Bridget Dalic's race," Wells said. "She was the third freshman overall in the field and ran a strong race from start to finish."

Leslie Carden (18:54.4) and Melissa Krueger (18:58.7) rounded out the top five for the women. Carden had a record-

setting day with her strong finish.

"Leslie ran a collegiate personal best and improved to finish 44th up from 103rd last year in the MAC meet," Wells said.

The men had a much more difficult day and Wells is pretty sure she knows the reason why.

"The men had a poor showing overall," she said. "They have had a long year and the fatigue is starting to set in."

The men's two highest finishers were first-year runners Edgar Ramirez (26:52.0) and Edwin

Cheruiyot (26:57.2). The pair finished 72nd and 74th and have left Wells feeling that the men's team has a bright future in MAC competition.

"Edgar Ramirez is the leader of this team and he has put in a very solid effort this fall," She said. "I look for great things from him in the future as well as Edwin Cheruiyot, who needs some time to recover from nagging injuries."

This will be the last race for the men's team this season as fatigue is playing a large role in their not

participating in the regional meet.

The women's team will look forward to their regional meet, though, as it will provide for a more high-endurance test.

"I am looking forward to seeing [the women] race a 6K at regionals," Wells said. "The longer distance suits this team well."

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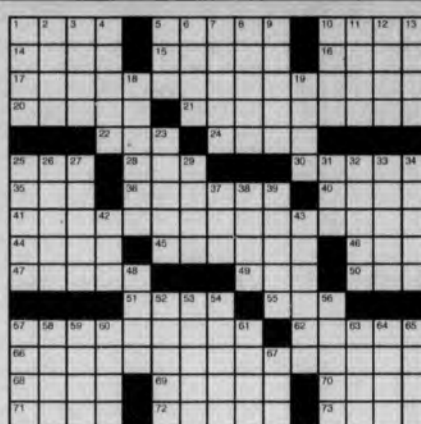
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41 Stanley Gardner
42 Walter Army Medical Center
43 Heart of a hurricane

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14 Light tan
15 Rub out
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21 From the top
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24 Since
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28 Kilmer of "The Doors"
30 Chewy candy
35 Eggs
36 Lifts the spirits of
40 Walloping wind
41 TVA concern
44 Work on manuscripts
45 Swift forte
46 Before, before
47 Of the kidneys

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